GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Allegations of excess over payments made and caused loss to the Government in implementation of works under SJSRY & NSDP schemes – Departmental action initiated against Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, Assistant Engineer and three (3) others of Samalkot Municipality – Further action dropped against two officials - Conduct inquiry/ex-parte inquiry against Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, the then Assistant Engineer and Sri Partha Saradhi, the then Municipal Commissioner of Samalkot Municipality - Appointment of Sri A.Sudhakar, Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Rajamahendravaram as an Enquiry Officer in place of Sri B.Nava Rohini, Superintending Engineer (retired) - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.889 **Dated.18.12.2023.**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.132 (853/V&E/E1/04), dated.25.8.2005.
2. G.O.Ms.No.520, MA&UD (E2) Department, dated.10.10.2006.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.1144 & 1145, MA&UD (E2) Department, dated.10.10.2006.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1591, MA&UD (E2) Department, dated.01.11.2013.
5. Enquiry Report from Sri B.Navarohini, Superintending Engineer & Enquiry Officer, Lr.RoC.No.Samalkota/Enquiry/2016/2, dated.04.10.2016.
6. Govt.Memo.No.13547/Vig.I/2004, dated.20.02.2017.
7. G.O.Rt.No.442, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.13.06.2017.
8. Govt.Memo.No.13547/Vig.I/2004, dated.20.02.2017 & 31.05.2018.
9. From the ENC (PH), A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur, Lr.No.897/Skpt/CS2/2006, dated.14.12.2022.

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Whereas, an inquiry under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 is being held against (1) Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, the then Assistant Engineer, (2) Sri J.V.S.Prabhakar the then Assistant Engineer, (3) Sri M.V.Suryanarayana, the then Deputy Executive Engineer and (4) Sri Partha Saradhi, the then Municipal Commissioner, on the allegations of excess over payments made and caused loss to the Government in implementation of works under SJSRY & NSDP schemes in Samalkot Municipality, under Rule-20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Government appointed Sri B.Nava Rohini, Superintending Engineer, Kakinada Municipal Corporation as an Enquiry Officer in place of Sri D.Jayakar, Superintending Engineer (retired) to inquire into the charges framed against Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, the then Assistant Engineer and three (3) three other officers of Samalkota Municipality.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the inquiry officer submitted inquiry report and stated that the charges framed against Sri J.V.S.Prabhakar the then

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Assistant Engineer and Sri M.V.Suryanarayana, the then Deputy Executive Engineer are held not proved and the other two charged officers i.e., Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, the then Assistant Engineer and Sri Partha Saradhi, the then Municipal Commissioner were not attended the inquiry in spite of repeated reminders. Hence, it is construed that they are not interested to attend before the inquiry for proving their innocence otherwise on the charges framed against them.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Govt. after following due procedure issued orders dropping further action against Sri J.V.S.Prabhakar, the then Assistant Engineer and Sri M.V.Suryanarayana, the then Deputy Executive Engineer & I/c. Municipal Engineer, Samalkota Municipality, as the charges framed against them are held not proved in the inquiry.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the inquiry Officer Sri B.Navarohini, Superintending Engineer, Kakinada Municipal Corporation was directed to conduct ex-parte inquiry as per the Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, the then Assistant Engineer and Sri Partha Saradhi, the then Municipal Commissioner of Samalkot Municipality and furnish inquiry report, to the Government, for taking further necessary action in the matter.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur has submitted that, Sri B.Nava Rohini, Superintending Engineer was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation and hence it is difficult to conduct further inquiry and to submit report. Therefore, the ENC (PH) has requested the Government to appoint Sri A.Sudhakar, Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Rajamahendravaram as Inquiry Officer in place of Sri B.Nava Rohini, Superintending Engineer (retired) to conduct ex-parte inquiry and submit inquiry report to the Government.

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991, the disciplinary authority hereby appoints Sri A.Sudhakar, Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, Rajamahendravaram as an Inquiry Officer in place of Sri B.Nava Rohini, Superintending Engineer (retired) to inquire into the charges framed against Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, the then Assistant Engineer and Sri Partha Saradhi, the then Municipal Commissioner of Samalkot Municipality by following due procedure.

8. The Inquiry Officer shall submit his report within three months time, so as to avoid inordinate delay in finalizing the disciplinary proceedings against the above said Charged Officers.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief (PH), A.P., Guntur shall provide the required connected records / material to the Enquiry Officer.

10. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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To
Sri A.Sudhakar, Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle
& Enquiry Officer, Rajamahendravaram
– **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
Sri K.J.Upendra Singh, Executive Engineer & Presenting Officer,
Kakinada Municipal Corporation - **through** the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur.
Sri S.Bhavani Shankar, the then Assistant Engineer,
Samalkota Municipality - **through** the ENC (PH) A.P., Guntur.
Sri Partha Saradhi, the then Municipal Commissioner,
Samalkota Municipality - **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Engineer-In-Chief (PH), A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P.,
Vaddeswaram, Guntur.
The Commissioner, Samalkota Municipality, Kakinada District.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Building, A.P. Secretariat.
SF/SCs.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.